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Please retain the Morse code requirement.

Many people of all ages, with various backgrounds, (many with disabilities) have completed the 5 WPM code requirement for access to HF. It never stopped a motivated person.

The Amateur service does not need a No Code HF license. Doing so would open the doors to the rude, vulgar and often childish conditions heard on the Citizens Bands. Gain access to a general coverage receiver, tune it to 27.555 MHZ (the illegal "freeband") and listen to the poor operations there. You'd be ashamed to have your family hear what does on on this frequency! These are the people you are opening the ham bands to. Not only will these people have access to the ham bands, they will be heard world wide, giving the US Amateur a black eye.

The Morse code exam encourages learning. Traditionally the Amateur service has been home to many technical and well trained persons. Please retain the Morse requirement and protect the skilled, courteous and able members who are the present Amateur community.

I was licensed in 1976 at age 16 as a Novice. From there, my interest in electronics grew and I worked in the broadcasting industry for 25 years. Presently I am a transmitter field engineer with the US Army's Kwajalein Atoll radar tracking station. All thanks to the personal challenge of Morse code and the wonder of earning my ham license all so many years ago.

Please, keep the code and allow the Amateurs to conduct the exams as we have in recent years.

Respectfully,

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